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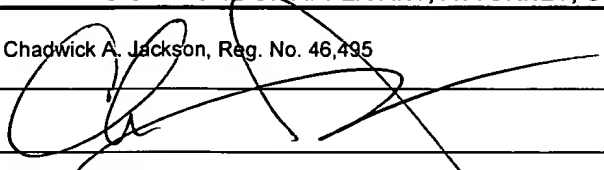
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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Communication issued on January 15, 2004 and for insuring compliance with the Examiner's request under 37 CFR § 1.105, the assignee of the present application provides the following information:

1. The assignee of the present invention provides the following U.S. Patents assigned to the assignee of the present application that potentially disclose a SQL query that includes an aggregation function or a re-written JOIN operator (copies of references included):

6,496,819	6,449,605	6,477,525	5,412,804
6,449,606	6,449,609	6,438,541	
5,991,754	6,345,272	6,125,360	
6,134,543	5,832,485	5,761,654	
5,850,547	6,609,131	6,678,676	
6,249,791	6,023,696	6,023,695	

The assignee believes that no additional U.S. Patents or U.S. Pre-Grant publications are responsive to the request.

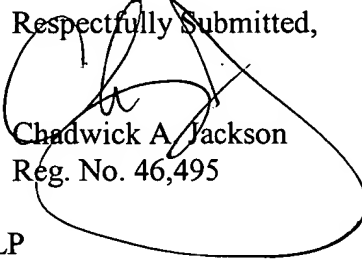
**Additional Fees:**

The Fee and certification requirements were waived for those documents submitted in response to this action. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 (19111.0045).

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner's request for information determined to be reasonably necessary to the examination is believed to be provided. The Applicants respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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